

Maricopa County News Release

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Public Health recognizes World AIDS Day

(Phoenix) – In recognition of World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, the Maricopa County Department of Public Health, Division of HIV/HCV Services will be conducting free HIV counseling and antibody testing at locations across the Valley.

"We're trying to support community based organizations by offering them our counseling and testing service as they heighten public awareness of how HIV is transmitted, and share solid HIV prevention tips on this national awareness day," said Larry Campbell, Acting HIV Counseling and Testing Supervisor.

Staff will be offering the confidential OraSure Oral Specimen and OraQuick Blood Rapid tests for residents at six Valley locations. OraQuick is a 20-minute rapid HIV test needing only one small drop of blood, and proven to be 99.6 percent effective. OraSure, an oral specimen not requiring a blood sample, takes three weeks for results to come back.

Locations are:

- Maricopa County Department of Public Health 1825 E. Roosevelt St., Phoenix. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Arizona State University ASU Hayden Lawn, Main Campus Tempe. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Glendale Community College 6000 W. Olive Ave., Glendale. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- McDowell Clinic –1144 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Mesa Community College 1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa. 4 to 8 p.m.
- Body Positive 1144 E. McDowell Rd. Ste. 200, Phoenix. 4 to 8 p.m.

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